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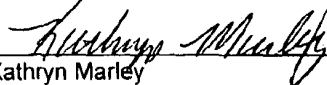
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Application No.: **10/085,759**

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Title: **Design and Layout of Phase Shifting  
Photolithographic Masks**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the subject patent application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please change page 1, paragraph 4 to read as follows:

a1 This application is a continuation-in-part of, and incorporates by reference, the <sup>now U.S. Patent No. 6,503,666</sup> ~~United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/669,359~~ filed 26 Sep 2000 entitled "Phase Shift Masking for Complex Patterns" having inventor Christophe Pierrat and assigned to the assignee of the present invention, which is related to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/215,938 filed 5 Jul 2000 entitled "Phase Shift Masking For Complex Layouts" having inventor Christophe Pierrat and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. MR(2/4/04)